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## NORTH TO ALASKA

By Captain Dan Johnson

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### CHAPTER 932 ACTIVITIES

By Secretary Ron Twinn

At the January meeting **Dan Johnson** presented an excellent account of his trip to Alaska in his C-180 amphibian. (See following article – Ed) The DVD was very well done with good editing and sound mixing. Dan may make copies of the DVD available for sale, if anyone is interested they can contact him at: [captcubby@comcast.net](mailto:captcubby@comcast.net).

There were 37 people at the meeting. I think things of this nature would continue to draw good attendance.

**Silke** and **Bruce** are supposed to update the chapter on their Lancair Project at the **February meeting**. I'll make sure they know the Chapter has a big movie screen and heat.

I've been following Van's Aircraft new LSA, the RV-12, its very interesting to see it go from concept to prototype to first flight. For information and videos of its first flights go to [www.vansaircraft.com](http://www.vansaircraft.com).

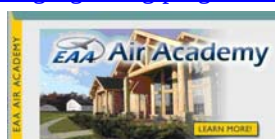
**February** – is our **Valentine's Day Pasta Potluck Dinner & Hangar Dance!** Come to the meeting and setup at 10 AM **February 10<sup>th</sup>**. John Roach will show "The X Planes" for those who would like to stay. Then we'll reconvene at **6 PM in hangar I-4** (eastern most row of new hangars) for the festivities. (Cheap date, guys.) Bring a dish to pass – the theme is *Italian* – and bring your own favorite beverage. Coffee and soft drinks will be furnished by the Chapter.

**March 10<sup>th</sup>** – we take our annual trek to Marengo to get updated on Mike Kellner's B-17 restoration. Dress warm, we seem to always pick the coldest day of the winter! Afterwards we'll stop in Marengo or Union to warm up and have a nice lunch.

### OUR EAA AIR ACAD. SCHOLARSHIP CONTEST

EAA Chapter 932 will again be sending some very lucky and very happy kids to a fully paid EAA Air Academy camp session at Oshkosh this summer. If you know a deserving youngster with an interest in aviation, please encourage him/her to enter. Odds of winning are good as we typically have only fifteen to twenty five entrants. Details are attached to the electronic edition of this NL, or are available on our web site [www.eaa932.org](http://www.eaa932.org) or at the Galt Airport office. For any remaining questions, contact John Theriault at 815-337-1453 or [jstheriault@sbcglobal.net](mailto:jstheriault@sbcglobal.net). For general information on the EAA Air Academy go to:

<http://www.youngeagles.org/programs/airacademy/>



Alaska. It is a word that promises far off adventure. It is a 3,600 mile trip from 10C to Anchorage. It took Dick Wydra and me six days and 30 hours to complete that trip. We were lucky with the weather and had only a half day delay at Tok Alaska waiting for the weather to clear. We were the sole pilots on board so we only flew 5 hours per day. If you went with other pilots onboard you could fly much longer if you wanted. The farther north you go the longer the days get.

Weather, that is the key to any trip to Alaska. Don't push it. Be prepared to wait it out. Take side trips by rental car or air if you can. Be flexible. Bring a book and have plenty of time for the trip. A tight schedule and Alaska weather will not work.

Keep an eye on the weather several weeks before you plan on departing. Try to pick up the pattern. If departure day comes and the weather pattern isn't good wait or fly part way and hold up for the weather to pass.

The route we picked let us fly over many places I have wanted to see for a long time. We were tourists enjoying the trip from the start. For us it truly was the journey as much as the destination we wanted to experience.

Our route took us across the Mississippi and Missouri rivers in the same day. We flew over the Bad Lands and Mt. Rushmore, Devils' Tower and the Custer Battle Field all before we crossed into Canada.



We cleared customs at Lethbridge. Because we brought shotguns it took about an hour and a half to fill out the paper work and pay the fee. From Lethbridge we headed just east of Calgary, over Red Deer and on to Grand Prairie. From fifty miles north of Grand Prairie Alberta the rest of the way to Alaska you are in the wilderness. From Grand Prairie we flew direct to Fort Saint John and spent the night. The leg from Fort Saint John to Fort Nelson is very remote with few landing spots but the scenery is fantastic! If the



weather turns bad there are few places to divert to. We followed the Alaska Highway from Fort Nelson all the way to Alaska. If worse came to worse we could land on the highway.

The weather from Fort Nelson to Watson Lake was good VFR so we followed the Alaska Highway through the mountains to Watson Lake. This was an awesome route! Dick was at 4,500 feet and I was at 6,500 feet. He was following the road and well under the tops of the mountains. I was just about over the mountains with a view of the whole range behind the pass we were in. Take your pick, each had a spectacular view. If the weather is not good the airway direct is about 50 miles shorter and may keep you out of the weather.

Watson Lake was our first camping experience of the trip. The airport provides camping facilities free of charge including fire wood and an open air building to get out of the rain. We were also allowed to use the terminal building bathroom since there was no scheduled air service anymore. The hot water and inside facilities were appreciated.

From Watson Lake we kept with the highway to White Horse, the capitol of the Yukon. If the weather is good you can fly from White Horse to Skagway Alaska in about an hour. If not you may want to rent a Harley, car, or take the train to visit Skagway. It would make a great side trip. We fueled in White Horse and had lunch there then it was off to Northway Alaska. You are still flying mountain passes from Watson to White Horse and Northway but by then you are a pro at it. The bumps don't bother you and the scenery more than makes up for it.

We cleared customs at Northway and checked the weather for Tok. Some light rain but VFR. We stayed the night at Tok. It rained all night and the next day until we decided to get a motel room for the night. Then the weather broke. We checked with FSS and got a pilot report that the pass to Gulkana was open so we loaded up and departed for Anchorage.

A few miles past Gulkana we saw a large lake. As we continued we realized it was formed from glacier runoff. The Tazlina glacier was off our course to the left but the chance to fly over and see a glacier up close was too much to pass up. We turned south. The glacier was spectacular! We took lots of video and pictures. From there Anchorage was about an hour away. We went through another pass with light rain and passed two more glaciers. We touched down at Merrill Field in Anchorage with a great sense of accomplishment. We had done it! Alaska!

Flight service can be reached along most of the trip. Weather reporting is sparse so give pilot reports. Ask

questions of the FSS and local pilots along the way they will be very helpful.

GPS works all the way but make sure you have maps! If the weather changes the maps will be very useful in finding alternate routes.

Check out the Alaska Airman's association on the web. Get there publication of the "Log Book" it is invaluable as a reference in planning and flying to Alaska.

The trip is long but with proper planning it is within the reach of most private pilots. Take your time, enjoy the trip and don't push the weather.

## **2007 CHAPTER CALENDAR**

***Join us for coffee at 9:30 prior to the meetings!***

**FEB 10** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM (film – *The X planes*)

**SETUP FOR PASTA POTLUCK @ 11 AM**

**PASTA POTLUCK @ 6 PM**

**MAR 10** B-17 FIELD TRIP TO MARENGO and lunch

**APR 14** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM (film – *T.B.A.*)

**CHAPTER BUILDING CLEAN-UP @ 11 AM**

**APR 28** GALT/EAA 932 SAFETY SEMINAR @ 9 AM

**MAY 12** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM (film – *T.B.A.*)

**MAY 18-20** OSHKOSH WORK WEEKEND

**JUN 9** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM

**YOUNG EAGLES @ 11 AM**

**JUN 10** VINTAGE AERO PICNIC @ 11 AM

**JUN 22-24** OSHKOSH WORK WEEKEND

**JUL 14** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM (film – *T.B.A.*)

**AUG 11&12** FLYERS & TIRES

**SEP 8** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM

**YOUNG EAGLES @ 11 AM**

**OCT 13** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM - nominations

**SETUP FOR CHILIFEST @ 11 AM**

**CHILIFEST @ 6 PM**

**NOV 10** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM – election of officers

**DEC 8** EAA 932 MEETING @ 10 AM (film – *T.B.A.*)

## **PILOT ALERTS – EVENTS – FLY-INS**

### **GO TO:**

**AOPA:** [www.aopa.org](http://www.aopa.org)

**EAA:** [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org)

**FAA:** [www.faa.gov](http://www.faa.gov)

**EAA 932:** [www.eaa932.org](http://www.eaa932.org)

**IL DOT:** [www.dot.state.il.us/aero/index.html](http://www.dot.state.il.us/aero/index.html)

**WI DOT:** [www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/genral.html](http://www.dot.wisconsin.gov/travel/air/genral.html)

**GALT AIRPORT EVENTS:** [www.galtfestivals.com](http://www.galtfestivals.com)

## **2007**

**EAA 932 Meetings 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays @ 10 AM**

**Young Eagles Jun 9 & Sep 8 or by appt. any time.**

**Contact any Chapter officer or director (box below)**

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## EAA AIR ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Experimental Aircraft Association (EAA) Chapter 932, located at Galt Airport, is proud to announce the sixth annual EAA Air Academy Scholarship Contest. The contest is open to all McHenry County students ages 12-18. The fast-paced Air Academy program provides opportunities in hands-on workshops and computer laboratories. Participants explore nearly every facet of flight, from balsa gliders to the large collection of aircraft at EAA's world class Air Venture Museum located in Oshkosh, Wisconsin.

This year, one 12-13 year old winner will receive a scholarship to attend the five day EAA Young Eagles Camp (a \$600 value). A 14-15 year old winner will receive a scholarship to the five day EAA Basic Air Academy (a \$800 value) and one 16-18 year old winner will receive a scholarship to the five day EAA Advanced Air Academy (a \$1000 value).

The contest will run from January 20, 2007 and conclude February 28, 2007. The winners will be contacted by March 21, 2007. All applicants will need to complete the EAA Air Academy Application as well as two letters of recommendation and a brief essay which will be explained in greater detail on the next page.

Completed applications should be returned by **February 28, 2007** to:

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| <p><b>EAA Chapter 932</b><br/><b>P.O. Box 1564</b><br/><b>Woodstock, IL 60098</b></p> |
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For more information contact John Theriault at 206-4420 or Galt Airport at 648-2433. You can also obtain information from our chapter web page at [www.eaa932.org](http://www.eaa932.org) or the Experimental Aircraft Association's web site at [www.eaa.org](http://www.eaa.org).

## EAA AIR ACADEMY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

### INSTRUCTIONS

- Step 1: Complete the Air Academy application. Do not send the deposit, all the winner's fees will be paid by EAA Chapter 932.
- Step 2: Include 2 letters of recommendation. These may be from teachers, clergy, flight instructors, EAA members, etc. **No family members please.**
- Step 3: Complete an essay discussing your aviation interests, experiences and career goals. These goals do not have to be aviation related.

Return all parts of the application (Air Academy form, letters of recommendation and essay) no later than February 28, 2007 to:

**EAA Chapter 932**  
**P.O. Box 1564**  
**Woodstock, IL 60098**



## EAA Air Academy 2007 Participant Application

### EAA Young Eagles Camp - For Youth ages 12 and 13

Registration fee: **\$650 for Non-EAA Member OR \$600 for EAA Member. Deposit = \$100**

- ☐ Session #1 July 8-12, 2007
- ☐ Session #2 August 6-10, 2007

### EAA Basic Air Academy - For Youth ages 14 and 15

Registration fee: **\$850 for Non-EAA Member OR \$800 for EAA Member. Deposit = \$150**

- ☐ Session #1 June 14-19, 2007
- ☐ Session #2 June 21-26, 2007
- ☐ Session #3 June 28-July 3, 2007

### EAA Advanced Air Academy - For Youth ages 16, 17 and 18

(2007 AirVenture dates are July 23-29)

Deposit = \$200

- ☐ Session #1 July 16 - 25, 2007, **\$1050 for Non-EAA Member OR \$1000 for EAA Member**
- ☐ Session #2 July 27 - August 4, 2007, **\$950 for Non-EAA Member OR \$900 for EAA Member**

**Participants should be the minimum age for the selected camp by the first day of that camp.**

### PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION (Please Print Legibly)

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

EAA Membership # (Family or Individual) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent E-Mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

### APPLICANT INFORMATION (Please Print Legibly)

First \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_ Male \_\_\_\_ Female

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade entering in Fall of 2007? \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Shirt Size: \_\_\_\_S \_\_\_\_M \_\_\_\_L \_\_\_\_XL \_\_\_\_XXL

**How or where did you learn about the EAA Air Academy?** \_\_\_\_\_

\*Sponsored by (EAA Chapter # or other entity) \_\_\_\_ EAA Chapter 932 at Galt Airport, Greenwood, IL

\*If an EAA Chapter or other entity is sponsoring a participant, it is the **participant's** responsibility to communicate, coordinate and submit all paperwork and payment to the EAA Resident Education department. The participant is ultimately responsible for all fees associated with the EAA Air Academy program and the communication to and coordination of sponsorship from the EAA Chapter or other sponsor to the EAA Museum & Resident Education Department.



### REQUIRED APPLICATION MATERIALS

- ☐ **Completed Application Form**, included signatures of applicant and parent/guardian.
- ☐ **Application Deposit** - Do not send, winners fees will be paid by EAA Chapter 932.
- ☐ **Participant's Letter Of Application**, stating why you want to attend the EAA Air Academy. Also include applicant's aviation experiences listed below.

### APPLICANT AVIATION EXPERIENCES

1. What aviation experiences, education, or training do you have to date?  
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2. What aviation interests do you have and/or would like to gain from your EAA Air Academy experience?  
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3. What aviation related career goals do you have that could be further advanced from your experience here at the EAA Air Academy?  
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### SIGNATURES

Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Signatures by participant/applicant and parents and/or guardians are required.**

***ALL applications are subject to maximum capacities of the program.***

If a session is full, the applicant will be placed on a waiting list, and notified by phone when a space becomes available. Upon acceptance, a packet of information including *Permission To Participate, Liability Waiver, Release & Indemnification, Health Form, Conduct Form, Travel Form* and other pertinent information will be sent. A physical exam within the 24 months prior to the camp start date is required.

**THIS APPLICATION MUST BE COMPLETE TO BE CONSIDERED FOR ACCEPTANCE.**

**This completed camp application form, must be received no later than FEBRUARY 28, 2007**

**Please send to:**

**EAA CHAPTER 932**

**PO Box 1564**

**Woodstock, IL 60098**

Visit [www.airacademy.org](http://www.airacademy.org) for Air Academy program additions and changes!